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FEATURING

SPIDER-MAN AND THE THING

HAH!
I WIN OUR
LITTLE BET
PUPPET
MASTER!

MY MIGHTY
ANDROID IS
HURLING THE
THING TO
HIS DOOM!

SO MY
VICTIM
DIES
FIRST!

NOT SO,
THINKER!

SPIDER-MAN
WILL HIT THOSE
DEADLY SPIKES
BEFORE HIM!

DEATH-TRAPS
OF THE DEADLY DUO!

STAN LEE
PRESENTS:

SPIDEY AND THE THING -- TOGETHER!

...AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE!

DARKNESS, THE
FAINTEST HINT OF
MOONLIGHT--AND IN
THE SHADOWS OF THIS
RUBBLE-STREWN LAB--

--MOVEMENT--

-AND A HARSH,
SNARLING
VOICE.

HOLD IT
RIGHT
THERE,
PAL!

I WANNA
HAVE A
WORD
WITH
YOU!



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AND NOW THE MOMENTS
PASS QUICKLY--

--AS, LESS THAN TWENTY
MINUTES LATER, THE SLEEK
FANTASTI-CAR CUTS
THROUGH A TWILIT SKY--

-TOWARD THE
WESTERN HILLS OF
PENNSYLVANIA--

YOU MIGHT AS WELL
TELL US, TOO, BRIGHT
EYES.

I HAVEN'T EXACTLY COME
ALONG FOR THE JOY OF
IT, Y'KNOW.

-AND A
CONFRONTA-
TION WITH
DESTINY!

THEN I WONDER
WHY YOU HAVE
COME ALONG.

--IF NOT
FOR THE JOY
OF SEEING
MY TOTAL--
AGONIZED
DEFEAT.

"IT'S A DEFEAT
WHICH BEGAN
SEVERAL YEARS
AGO, NEAR A
TOWN CALLED
WATERSHED
LAKE...!"

"I WAS A YOUNGER
MAN, ALMOST
IDEALISTIC.
TOGETHER WITH
MY CLOSEST FRIEND,
A COLLEAGUE FROM
UNIVERSITY DAYS, I
WORKED TO DISCOVER
THE SO-CALLED
BUILDING BLOCKS
OF LIFE.

"IT WAS A QUEST
THAT WENT
ASTRAY--"

--FOR THERE WAS MORE INVOLVED
THAN MY MERE FRIENDSHIP
FOR JACOB REISS--

IT'S EVEN GREATER THAN YOU DARED HOPE IT WOULD BE--



THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN! THRILL TO IT TODAY!

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YOU ASKED FOR IT-- CRIED FOR IT-- DEMANDED IT!

THE MOTHER NEVER
KNEW HOW JACOB
DIED. SHE ACCEPTED
MY PROFESSED
LOVE, AND, KNOWING
THE CHILD NEEDED
A FATHER... SHE
MARRIED ME A
YEAR LATER...

LORD, HOW I
LABORED TO
REFORMULATE
THE PRECISE
MIXTURE OF
CLAY AND
ISOTOPE...

...SEVERAL
TIMES, I
CAME
CLOSE...

...BUT WHEN THE CHILD'S
MOTHER DIED SOME-
THING... TWISTED
INSIDE ME.

I DISCOVERED
THAT PUPPETS
FORMED FROM CERTAIN
CLAY MIXTURES COULD
CONTROL THE MINDS
OF THEIR REAL-LIFE
COUNTERPARTS...

ALICIA,
YOU
MUST
FORGIVE
ME...

...I LOVED YOU THEN...
AND I LOVE YOU
STILL...

...BUT I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN A
WEAK
MAN...

...A TERRIBLY...
TERRIBLY
WEAK MAN...

SO NOW WHAT
DO WE DO,
BENJAMIN?

OR HAVEN'T YOU
THOUGHT THAT
FAR?

WE TAKE US A
LITTLE WALK,
WEB-HEAD... TO
CURLY'S OLD
LAB...

TH-THE
LAB...?

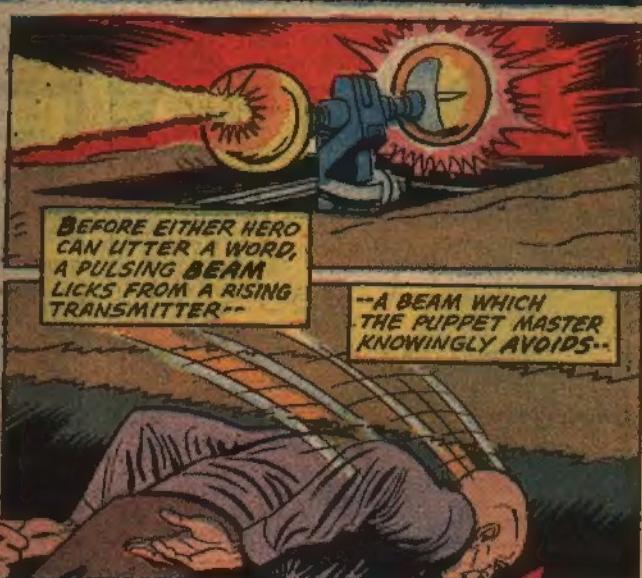
BUT... I'M NOT
SURE I CAN
FIND IT...

IT'S BEEN SO
LONG... AND THE
LAB... ALMOST
TOTALLY
DESTROYED!
YOU CAN'T
EXPECT...

WHAT'D YOU
SAY, PAL?

AH... NOTHING...
NOTHING AT ALL...

WELL, THE CRYPT OF SHADOWS IS NOW ON SALE! THAT'LL TEACH YA!



AS THE STUNNED HEROES REEL BACK, THEIR PRISONER DIVES FORWARD...

--INTO THE Gaping APERTURE--

--WHICH SLIDES SOUNDLESSLY SHUT A MOMENT LATER--

--AND THE GLADE IS STILL, ONCE MORE.

FROM OUT OF THE DEPTHS INTO WHICH HE'S FALLEN, A VOICE SUMMONS THE DAZED SPIDER-MAN--

--DRAWING HIM BACK TO REALITY--

--THE REALITY OF A RAGING THING!

'BOUT TIME YOU WOKE UP.

YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP, WALL-CRAWLER
"A REAL BIG HELP!"

I LOVE YOU TOO, BENJY.

BUT ALL THIS BOUNDLESS AFFECTION ISN'T GOING TO GET US ANYWHERE--

--SO WHAT SAY WE STOP SNARLING AT EACH OTHER, AND GET DOWN TO CASES?

UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, THAT TRANSMITTER APPEARED ABOUT HERE... WHICH MEANS...

I'M READIN' YA, SMART MAN.

BACK OFF--

--IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

WHUMP!

CAN YA BEAT THAT?

THERE'S A WHOLE LAB DOWN THERE!

YOU NOTICED THAT, DID YOU, BENJAMIN?

'COURSE, BRIGHT EYES
DIDN'T EXACTLY TELL
US THE TRUTH,
DID HE?

FROM THE
WAY HE LED
US STRAIGHT
TO THIS
PLACE, HE
KNEW WHAT
TO EXPECT...

--WHICH DOESN'T
MAKE ME
HAPPY--

--NOT
HAPPY AT
ALL!

KRAK

REMIND ME NEVER
TO MAKE YOU MAD,
THING.

I DON'T THINK
I'D SURVIVE.

AFTER A BRIEF CONSULTATION,
THE TWO ARRIVE AT A HASTY
DECISION...

YOU TAKE THE NORTH PASSAGE,
AND I'LL TAKE THE SOUTH.

WHOEVER
FINDS THE
PUPPET
MASTER
HOLDS HIM
TILL THE
OTHER
ARRIVES.

OKAY
THING!

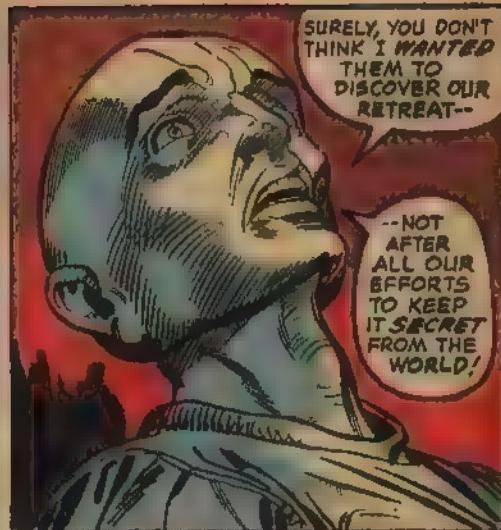
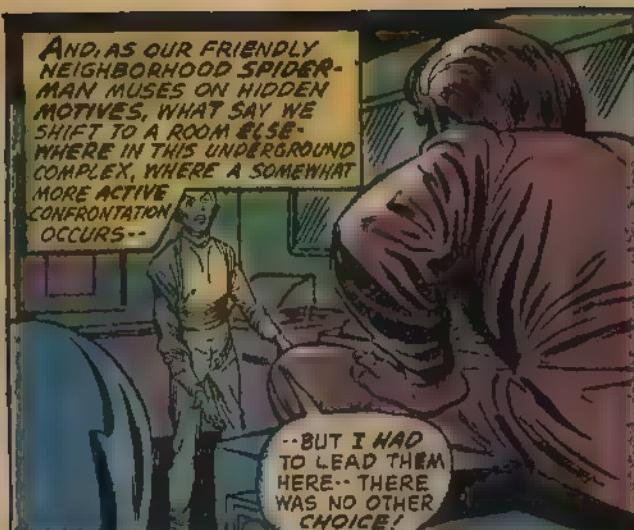
YEAH,
SURE.

GOOD
HUNTING,
WEB-HEAD...
AND BE
CAREFUL.

BEN'S AN ALL RIGHT
GUY. MAYBE I'VE
MISJUDGED HIM...
AND THE REST OF
THE FANTASTIC
FOUR.

I SUPPOSE THAT'S
WHY I'VE COME
ALONG--TO SEE
HOW FAR I CAN
TRUST A MAN
LIKE BEN GRIMM--

--AND LEARN
HOW FAR HE
TRUSTS ME!



JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT WE'VE RUN OUT OF TITLES--

"--OR IF YOU WISH--
YOU CAN DO BOTH!"

OUR WALL-CRAWLING
HERO DOESN'T HEAR
THE PUPPET MASTER'S
SILKY SPEECH--

--RATHER, HE BECOMES
AWARE OF THEIR TALK IN
QUITE ANOTHER WAY--

--NOR DOES HE SEE
THE MAD THINKER
SLOWLY, THOUGHTFULLY
NOD--

--BY ITS SUDDEN AND
STARTLING EFFECT ON THE
BALANCE OF HIS SENSES!

MY SPIDER-SENSE--
TINGLING--SHIVERING
ALL OVER ME!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING--
WHAT'S
WRONG--?

OH, NO--
NO!

THE WALLS--
GIVING OFF SOME
SORT OF
SUPERSLICK OIL--

--MY HANDS--
WON'T STICK--
CAN'T GET A
GRIP--

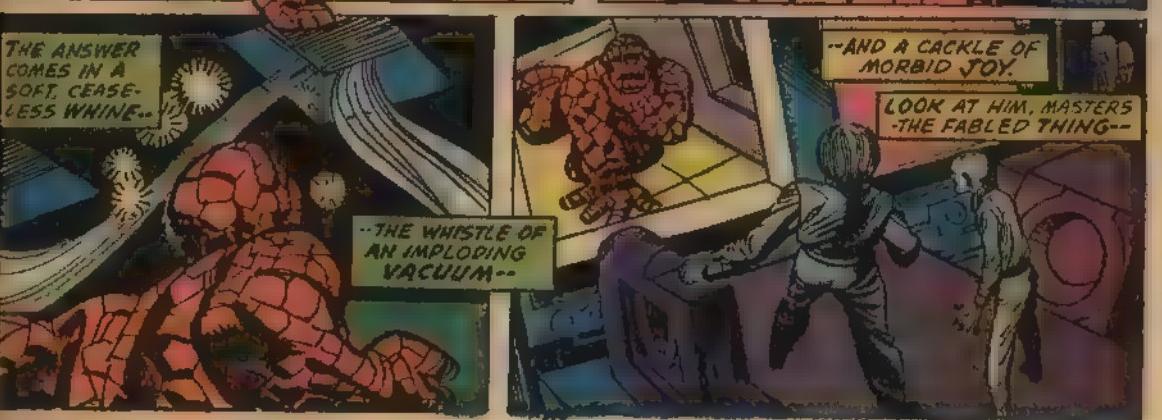
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FALLING--

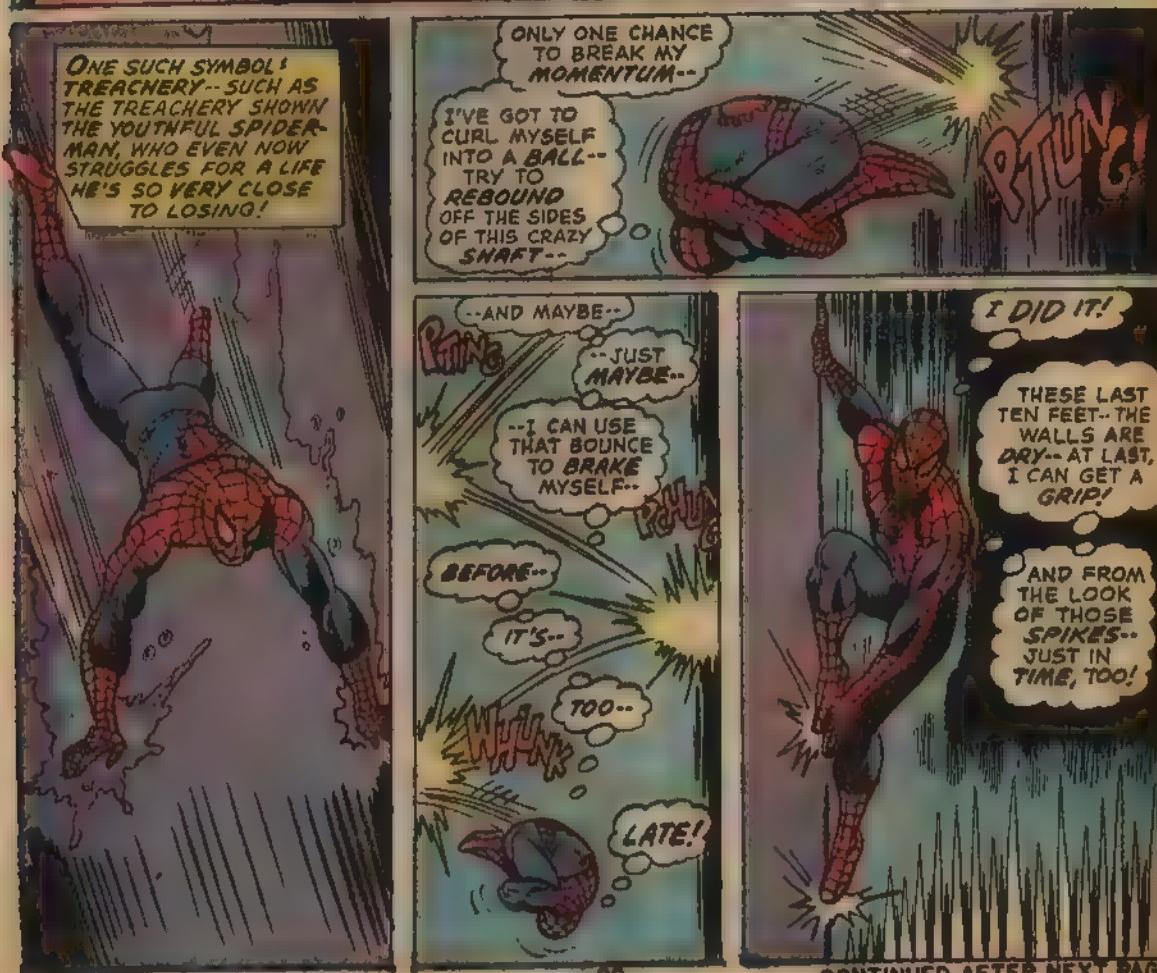
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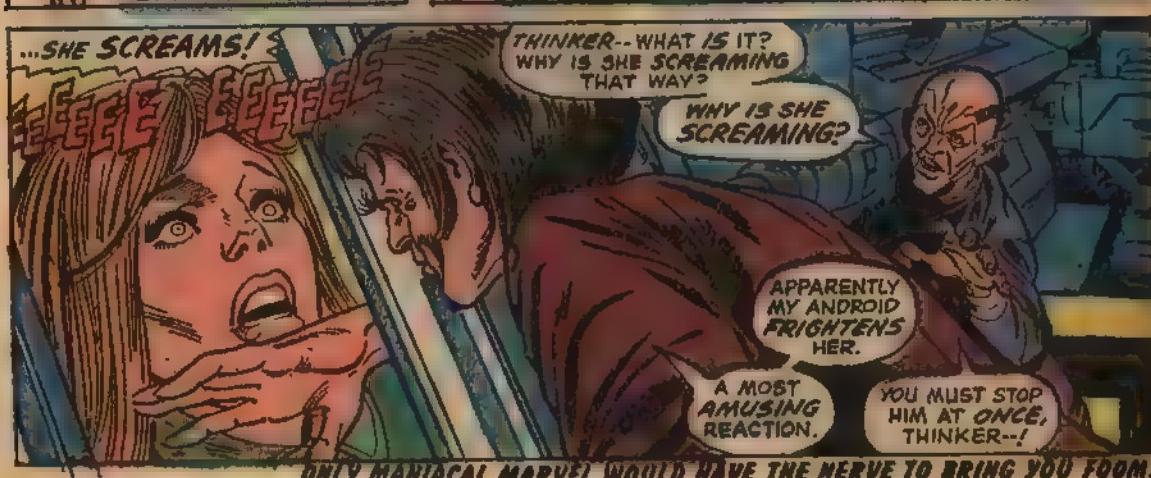
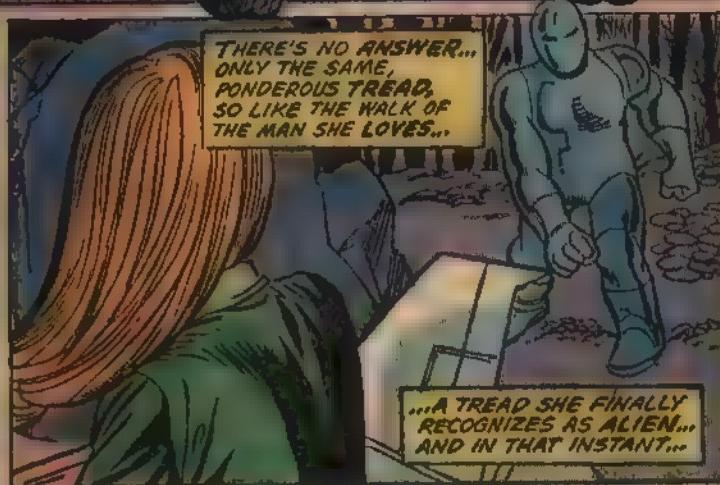
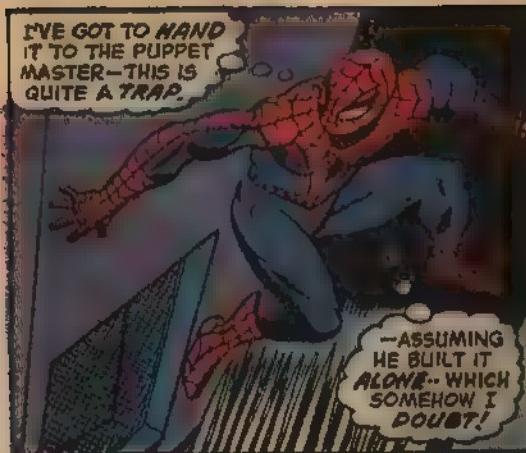
--AND HEAVEN
HELP ME-- I
CAN'T
STOP!

WE COME UP WITH WAR IS HELL! CAPTURE IT RIGHT NOW!

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ONLY MANIACAL MARVEL WOULD HAVE THE NERVE TO BRING YOU FOOM!



